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"TRAPPED BY THE BOUNTY HUNTER"

LOOK HOW SHAKY THE RAWHIDE KID IS!
YOU'D BE SHAKY TOO, HOMBRE, IF SOME UNKNOWN BOUNTY HUNTER WAS PLAYIN' CAT 'N MOUSE WITH YUH!
KID!!
HEY!! T-TAKE IT EASY! I AIN'T NO BOUNTY HUNTER!
MISTER, A MAN CAN GET HIMSELF KILLED BEIN' CARELESS LIKE THAT!
I ONLY WANTED TO ASK IF YUH COULD LEND ME THE PRICE OF A MEAL, KID!
I'M BETTIN' YOU WANNA WET YOUR WHISTLE, MORE LIKELY!
WELL, TAKE IT! MONEY'S THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS NOW!
I SURE, WOULDN'T WANNA BE IN HIS SHOES!
NOPE! WITH THAT BOUNTY HUNTER AFTER 'IM, HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED!
IF ONLY I KNEW WHAT THE BOUNTY HUNTER LOOKED LIKE!
HE COULD BE ANYONE... I CAN'T DRAW AGAINST EVERY MAN I SEE!
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YEP! IM BETTIN' THE BOUNTY HUNTER WILL HAVE THE KID HAWG-TIED, OR WORSE, BE-FOR NIGHTFALL! DO I HAVE ANY TAKERS?
NOT ME!
NOR ME!
I'LL TAKE THAT BET, LOUD-MOUTH!
TH-THE KID!
SIMMER DOWN NOW, KID! GO EASY, SON! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM--- I WUZ JUST SHOOTIN' OFF MUH MOUTH!
DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM, EH?
YUH THINK IT'S MIGHTY FUNNY THAT SOME UNKNOWN BOUNTY HUNTER IS GUNNIN' FOR ME, HUH?
HOW'D YUH LIKE TO SEE HOW IT FEELS TO KNOW THERE'S A MAN WAITIN' SOMEWHERE---WAITIN' TO SHOOT YUH?
AT LEAST I'M FACIN' YUH! AT LEAST YUH KNOW WHO I AM!
KID! DON'T!
SON, YORE NO KILLER! WHY DON'T YUH GET OUT OF TOWN, AFORE YUH DO SOMETHIN' YUH'LL BE SORRY FOR?
YORE AS JUMPY AS A RABBIT NOW!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
THE KID ALMOST CRACKED UP!
HE'S GOIN' TRIGGER-HAPPY, KNOWIN' THE BOUNTY HUNTER IS AFTER HIM!
YORE RIGHT, MISTER! RECKON MEBBE I'LL BE SAFER ON THE TRAIL ANYHOW!
AND GO EASY WITH THOSE COLTS BOY! A CARELESS SHOOTING NEVER SOLVED ANYTHING!
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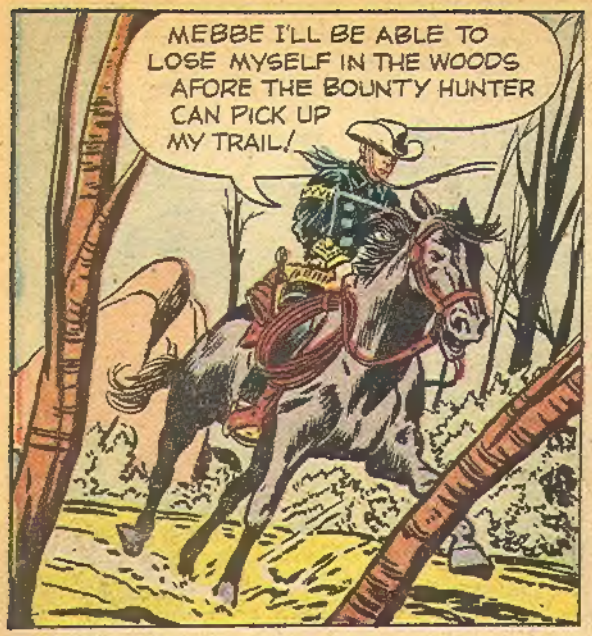
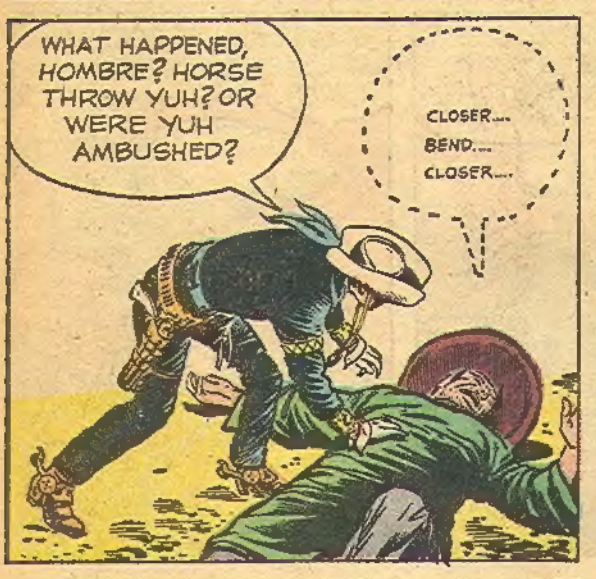
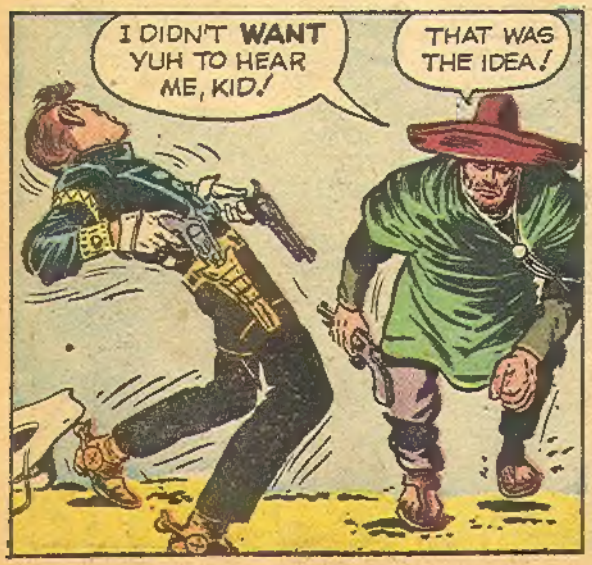

MEBBE I'LL BE ABLE TO LOSE MYSELF IN THE WOODS AFORE THE BOUNTY HUNTER CAN PICK UP MY TRAIL!

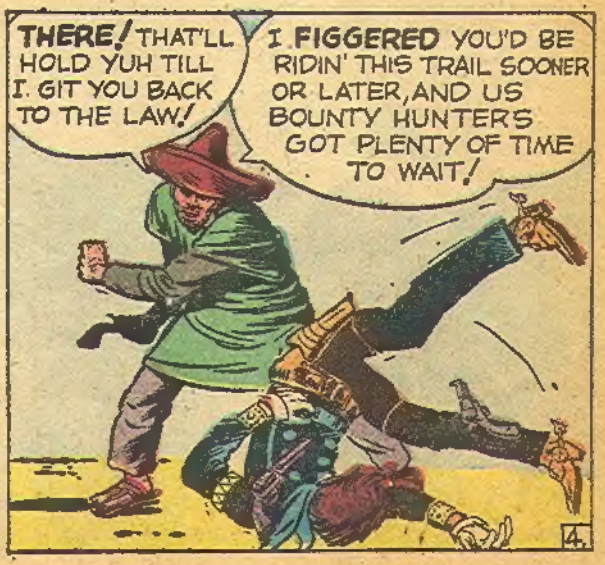
HELP!! SEÑOR... HELP ME!!
WHOA, NIGHTWIND!


WHAT HAPPENED, HOMBRE? HORSE THROW YUH? OR WERE YUH AMBUSHED?
CLOSER.... BEND.... CLOSER....

WHAT DID YOU SAY? I CAN'T HEAR YUH!

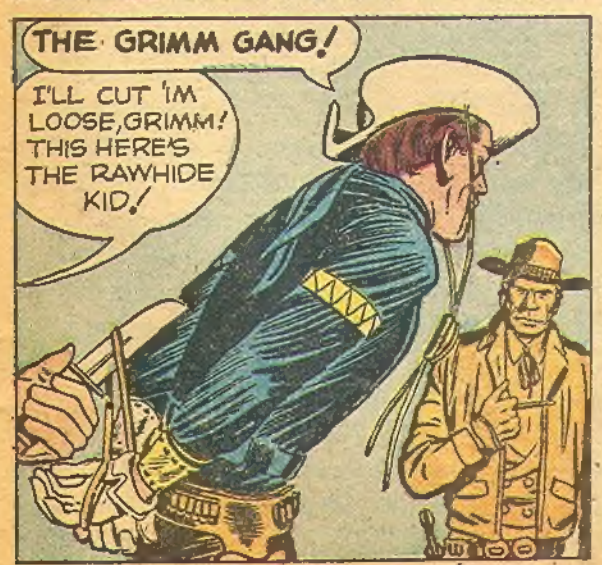
WHAM!


I DIDN'T WANT YUH TO HEAR ME, KID!
THAT WAS THE IDEA!


THERE! THAT'LL HOLD YUH TILL I GIT YOU BACK TO THE LAW!
I FIGGERED YOU'D BE RIDIN' THIS TRAIL SOONER OR LATER, AND US BOUNTY HUNTERS GOT PLENTY OF TIME TO WAIT!

A HALF HOUR LATER...
I RECKON IT MAKES YUH FEEL RIGHT GOOD, BOUNTY HUNTER, CAPTURIN' A MAN FOR THE REWARD!
IT DON'T MAKE ME FEEL NOTHIN' KID! EVERY MAN HAS A JOB... AND THIS IS MINE!

YUH BETTER CLAM UP, BOY, AND SAVE YORE STRENGTH! WE GOT US A LONG, HARD RIDE AHEAD---
YOU WON'T TAKE ME BACK, MISTER! I'LL GIT AWAY SOMEHOW! JUST WAIT!



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STAGECOACH RACE

THE long whip of Old 47's driver, Jed Waram, came whistling back in its twenty-foot arc. Then the thin, keen length of leather, hefted by its handle, came whistling forward and exploded in a sharp crack in the air.

The stagecoach sprang forward from before the hotel in Larkspur, Wyoming. There were four passengers in the coach, and all were anxiously keeping ears and eyes on the coach and driver. The destination was Tall Grass, and it was the last chance anybody was going to have to see Jed handling a coach before the big coach race the next day.

Stagecoach races fulfilled much the same function in the old West as steamboat races did on the Mississippi. They provided exciting, yet harmless, sport. But they also called for all those qualities that made the West what it was . . . ingenuity, planning, daring. When a stagecoach race was held, everything on the coach was furbished up. The iron rims of the wheels were examined, and if necessary, re-heated, riveted, and re-shrunk onto the oaken frames. The leather sway-springs were removed and oiled, replaced if the slightest crack was found. Whiffle tree and brake and reins and harness got their share of touching up.

When a western coach was repaired for a race, it was in prime physical condition, ready to carry any reasonable load over mudholes, rocks and patches of brush at the maximum speed the horses were capable of. A stagecoach in fast movement almost never came to grief, at high speed, for the forward momentum kept everything on a fairly even keel.

Joe Ballard, Ken Watkins, Si Watkins, his brother, and Bill Stevens, all of Tall Grass, sat within as the coach hurtled over the level, rutted road and watched the milestones.

The country was rolling, fairly bare of trees in that section between the two towns of Larkspur and Tall Grass, and the road did not meander very widely.

"He's doin' thirty," Joe Ballard said with a slight degree of awe. In his hand he held a watch, and his eyes had been glued on the last four mileposts. To be sure, he'd rechecked the average speed twice.

He glanced at the other gentlemen . . . they were all businessmen, or, like himself, a cattle rancher, in addition . . . and said, with great conviction, "Looks to me like Jed's gonna win. He'll take that Number 24 of the Hardy-Tashman coach line and lose her in a cloud of dust."

There was a moment of proper silence while three keen minds weighed the remark and came to mature decisions. All three shook their heads.

Si Watkins said, decisively, "Henry Buntline's driving Number 24, and I was in her a week ago, on the Tashman-Rancerville run. Know what she clocked?"

All heads were shaken in negation.

"Thirty-two miles an hour," Si Watkins said impressively.

"How many passengers?" Bill Stevens asked.

"Just me," Watkins said. "Of course, Henry Buntline's carrying just one man, as usual, on the race run. Ought to get her up to thirty-two miles an hour again . . . at least!"

There was a moment of silence, while all considered this. Then Joe Ballard said, "Tell you what, gentlemen, I think Jed Waram's goin' to win."

"Think he can do more than thirty-two or three?" Ken Watkins asked.

"I know he can do thirty with four of us in the coach. I'm prepared to admit Henry Buntline can do the same. And I still think Jed's going to win."

"Got some inside information?" Stevens grinned.

"Outside of the fact that Jed's going to race with the coach loaded, no." Ballard said.

"Coach loaded!" The other three exclaimed as one.

Ken Watkins burst out laughing. "And you still think he'll

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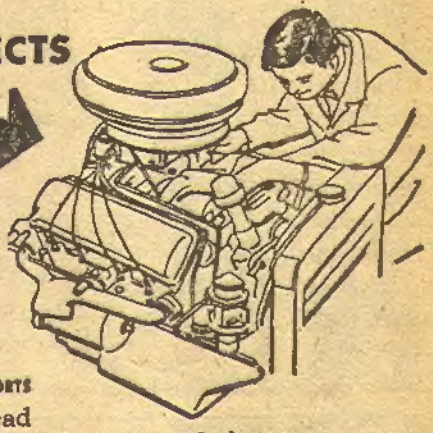

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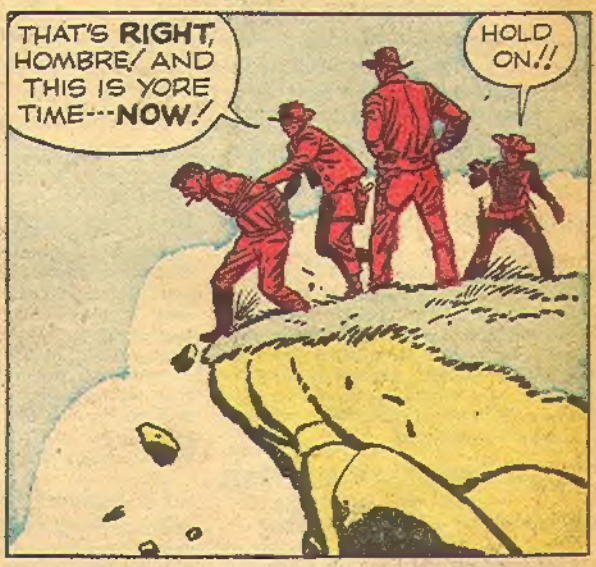
SURE! **NO** MAN SHOULD HAVETA FIGHT THE LAW ALONE!

AS FOR **THIS** POLECAT, WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM!
WAIT, GRIMM! WHAT ARE YUH FIXIN' TO DO?

RELAX, KID! I KNEW THE RISKS WHEN I BECAME A BOUNTY HUNTER! A MAN CAN ONLY DIE ONCE!


THAT'S **RIGHT**, HOMBRE! AND THIS IS YORE TIME---**NOW**!
HOLD ON!!

YUH CAN'T KILL A MAN IN COLD BLOOD LIKE THAT, GRIMM!
WHO **SAYS** SO, KID?

I DO!
CLICK
CLICK

BACK UP AGAINST SOME OF THOSE JAGGED ROCKS AND CUT YORE ROPES, BOUNTY HUNTER! I'LL HOLD OFF THOSE JASPERS!
I HEAR YUH TALKIN', SON!

THE KID'S OUTNUMBERED! GUN 'IM DOWN!
GIT 'IM!
I'LL HANDLE THE JASPERS BEHIND YUH, KID!
BACK! STAY BACK!
NOBODY! CAN HANDLE A GUN LIKE THAT!
UGH!! RECKON THE KID CAN!
WE WERE LOCO TO TRY TO OUTDRAW 'IM!
I TRIED TO WARN YUH!
THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL OF 'EM, EXCEPTIN' FOR---OHH!
CEPTIN' FOR ME, KID!
THAT'S THE LAST MAN YOU'LL EVER BUSHWHACK, GRIMM!
UHHH...
THANKS, BOUNTY HUNTER!
THAT'S THE END OF THE GRIMM GANG!
RECKON IT'S THE END OF ME, TOO! MUH GUNS EMPTY... MUH SHOULDER'S HURT... LOOKS LIKE THE BOUNTY HUNTER WINS ALL AROUND!
AND NOW FOR YOU, KID---
SHOOT AND GIT, IT OVER WITH! I AIN'T GOIN' BACK WITH YUH... NOT ALIVE I AIN'T!
YORE NOT GOIN' BACK WITH ME ANY WAY! HERE'S MY GUN, MISTER... I RECKON IT'LL DO A HEAP MORE GOOD IN YORE HANDS! I AIN'T A BOUNTY HUNTER NO MORE! I JUST RESIGNED!
MEBBE SOME DAY, IF'N I'M LUCKY, I'LL BE HALF THE MAN THE RAWHIDE KID IS!
UP! UP, NIGHTWIND! IT'S TIME TO RIDE!
THE END
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RAW-HIDE KID
"SHOOT-OUT IN SCRAGG'S SALOON"
Stan Lee & J. KIRBY
C'MON, OLD BEN, TELL US SOME MORE ABOUT THAT MISS N' SON OF YORES!
LEGGO!! I--I GOT WORK TO DO!
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SO YOU WON'T TELL US, EH? WELL, I KNOW WHY--IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ASHAMED OF HIM... THAT'S WHY!!
NOBODY CAN SAY THAT TO ME ABOUT MY BOY! NOBODY!
HEY--!!
WHY, YOU LOCO OLD COOT--I'LL TEACH YUH TO MESS AROUND WITH ME!
WHEN I'M DONE WITH YUH, YUH WON'T EVEN REMEMBER YUH EVER HAD A SON!
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JUST WAIT TILL I GIT MUH HANDS ON YUH!!
NO!! NO--PLEASE! DON'T HIT ME! HELP ME, MISTER... PLEASE!
STAND ASIDE, SHORTY! I GOT ME A FRACAS TO FINISH OFF!!
WHY DON'T YUH LET THE OLD MAN BE, HOMBRE?
NO ONE TELLS ME WHAT TO DO!
'ZAT SO?
STAND STILL, CONSARN IT!!
OH! IS THAT WHAT YUH WANT?
ALL RIGHT... I'LL TRY TO OBLIGE!
WHAM
RECKON HE WON'T BE BOTHERIN' YUH AGAIN FOR A SPELL!
I'LL BE HORN-SWOGGLED!
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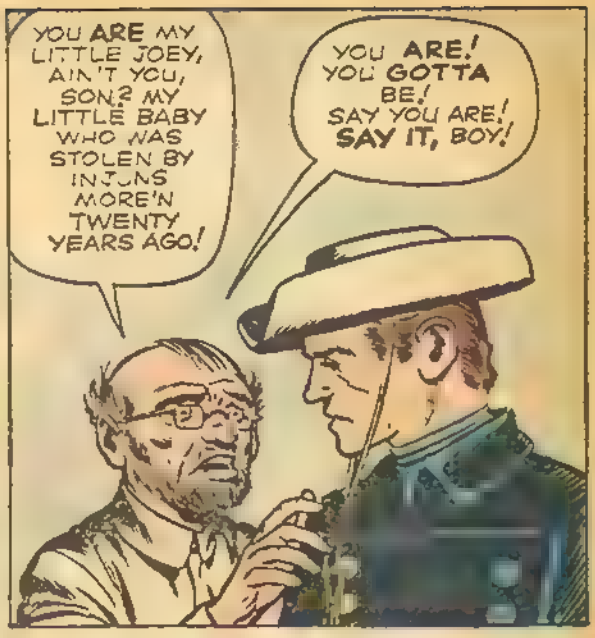
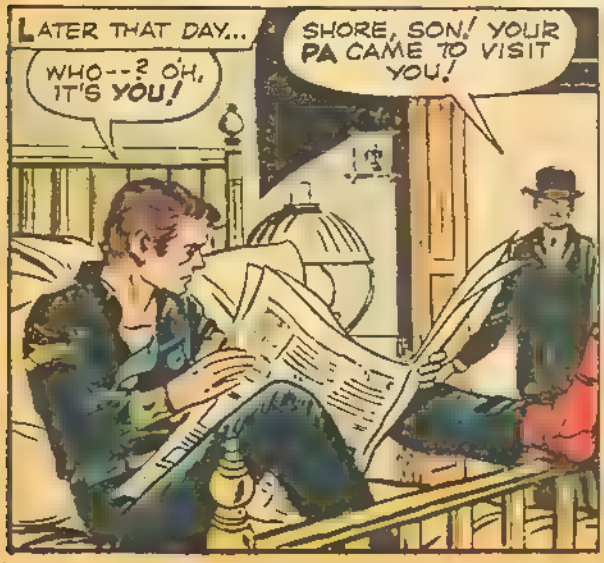
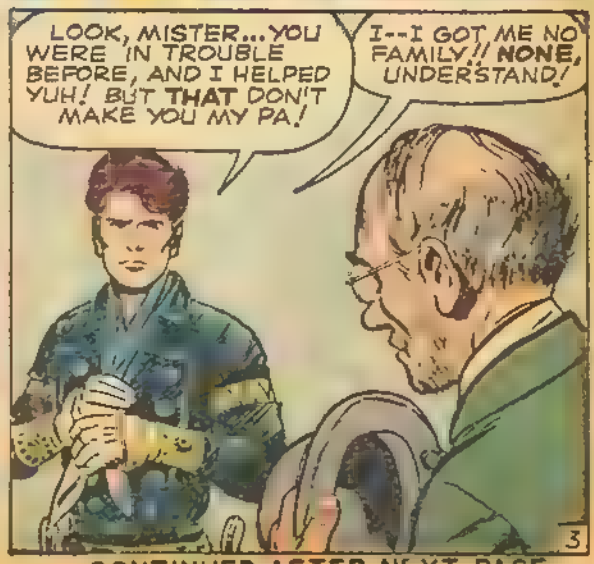

YOU ARE MY LITTLE JOEY, AIN'T YOU, SON? MY LITTLE BABY WHO WAS STOLEN BY INJUNS MORE'N TWENTY YEARS AGO!
YOU ARE! YOU GOTTA BE! SAY YOU ARE! SAY IT, BOY!

LOOKS LIKE OL' BEN IS CONVINCED HE FOUND HIS LONG-LOST BRAT AT LAST!
SPADE, LOOK!! DON'T YUH RECOGNIZE 'IM? THAT AIN'T NO LONG-LOST SON--THAT THERE'S THE RAWHIDE KID!

--AND I RECKON YOU AND ME CAN FIND LOTS TO DO WITH THE REE-WARD THAT'S OFFERED FOR 'IM!
BUT HE'S TOO FAST TO TACKLE HERE! WE GOTTA PICK THE RIGHT PLACE, AND THE RIGHT TIME!





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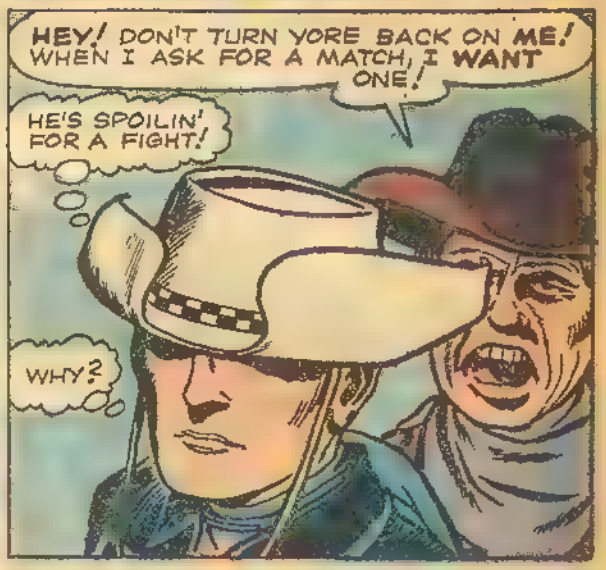
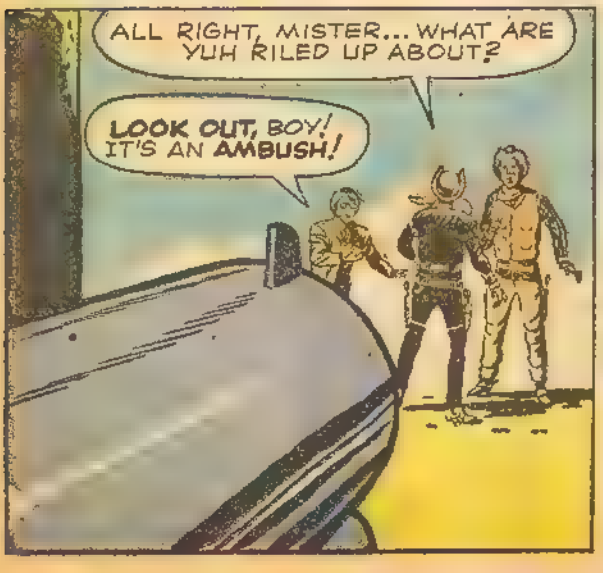
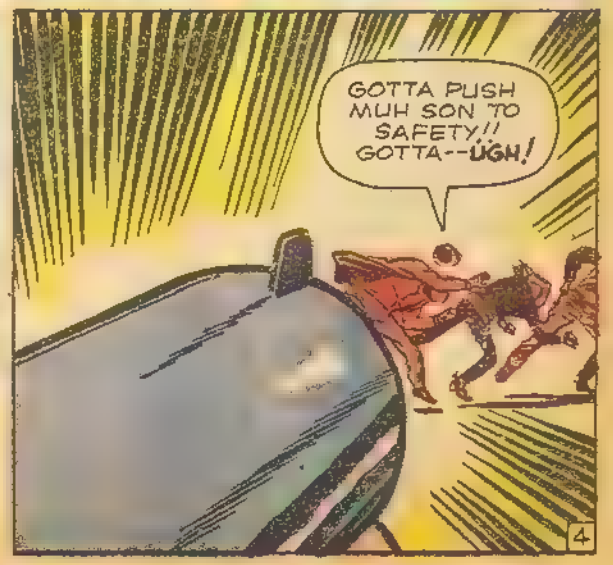
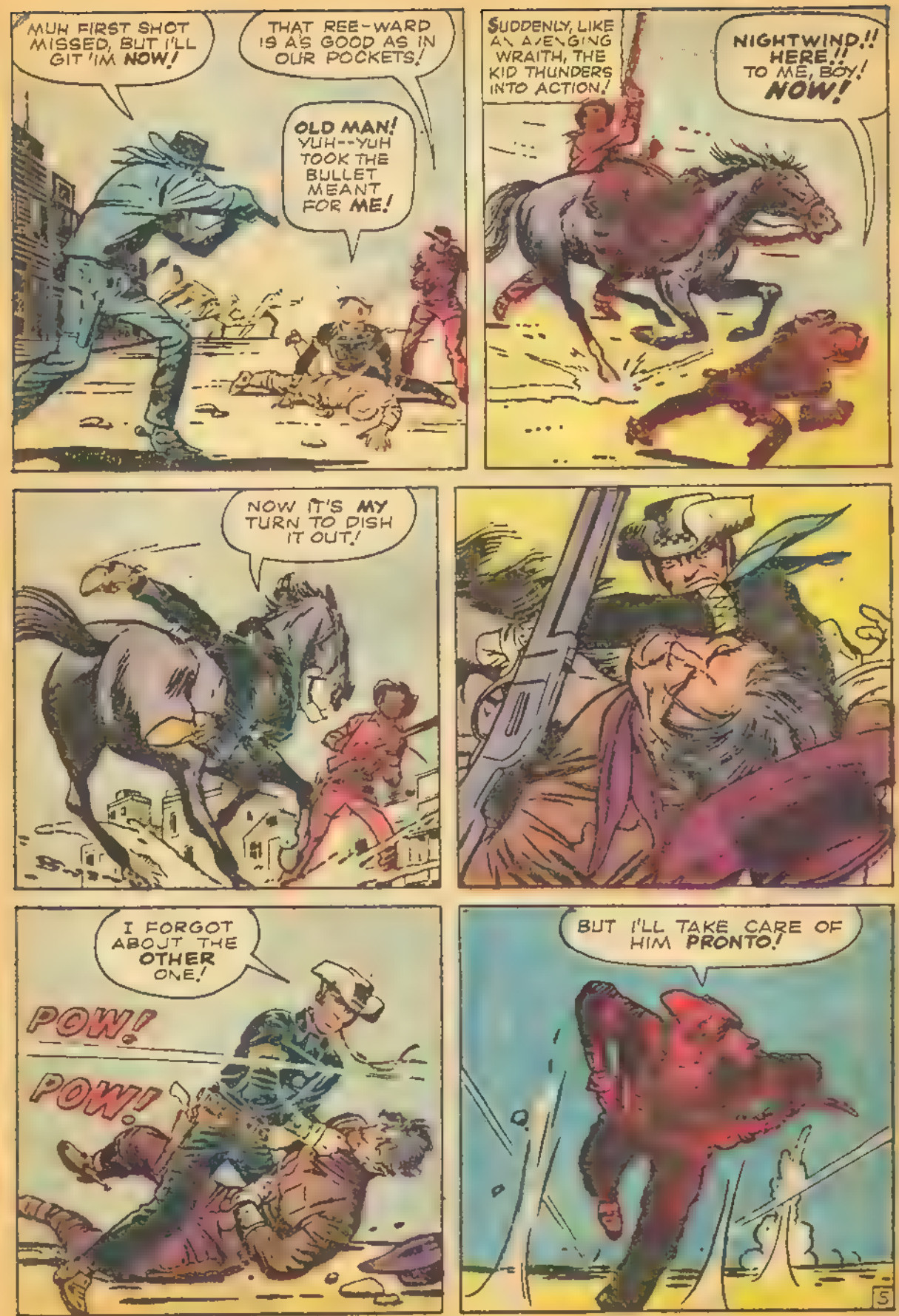
YOU--YORE ASHAMED OF ME-- THAT'S WHAT!! =SOB= ASHAMED OF ME!

SAY, STRANGER... GOT A MATCH?
NO... I DON'T SMOKE!


HEY! DON'T TURN YORE BACK ON ME! WHEN I ASK FOR A MATCH, I WANT ONE!
HE'S SPOILIN' FOR A FIGHT!
WHY?


ALL RIGHT, MISTER... WHAT ARE YUH RILED UP ABOUT?
LOOK OUT, BOY! IT'S AN AMBUSH!


GOTTA PUSH MUH SON TO SAFETY!! GOTTA--UGH!


MUH FIRST SHOT MISSED, BUT I'LL GIT 'IM NOW!
THAT REE-WARD IS AS GOOD AS IN OUR POCKETS!
OLD MAN! YUH--YUH TOOK THE BULLET MEANT FOR ME!
SUDDENLY, LIKE AN AVENGING WRAITH, THE KID THUNDERS INTO ACTION!
NIGHTWIND!! HERE!! TO ME, BOY! NOW!
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DISH IT OUT!
I FORGOT ABOUT THE OTHER ONE!
POW!
POW!
BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM PRONTO!
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HOMBRES WHO CAN'T HOLD ON TO THEIR IRONS DON'T DESERVE TO HAVE ANY!
NOW THIS'LL KEEP YUH OUTTA MUH WAY FOR A SPELL!
WHERE'S THERE A DOCTOR?? SPEAK UP, HOMBRES!
R-RIGHT IN THAT BUILDING, MISTER!
TOO LATE, BOY! HE'S SINKING FAST!
MY SON... TELL 'EM YOU'RE MY SON!
I'LL BE PROUD TO TELL 'EM!! HEAR ME, OLD MAN? I'LL BE PROUD!
HE'S GONE! BUT YOU MADE HIM DIE HAPPY! LOOK AT THE SMILE ON HIS FACE!
POOR OLD MAN! FOR ALL I KNOW, HE MIGHTA BEEN MY PA! I NEVER KNEW MY FATHER!
NO, SON, HE WASN'T! YOU SEE, HE NEVER HAD A CHILD!! IT WAS ALL JUST A DELUSION!
ALL HE WANTED WAS FOR SOMEONE TO CALL HIM "PA"! HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR IT!
SO LONG... PA!
THE END
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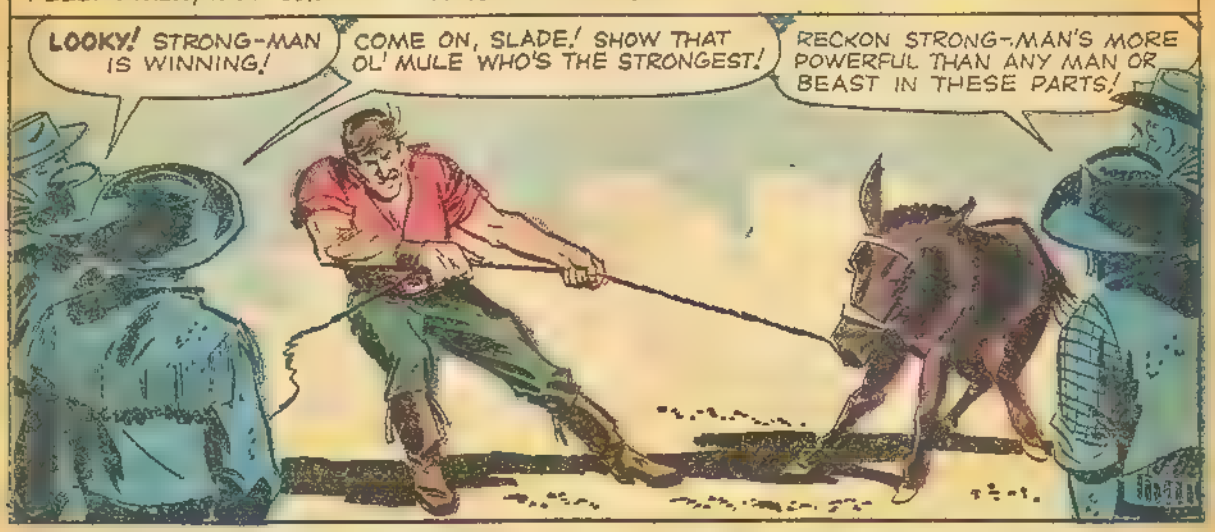
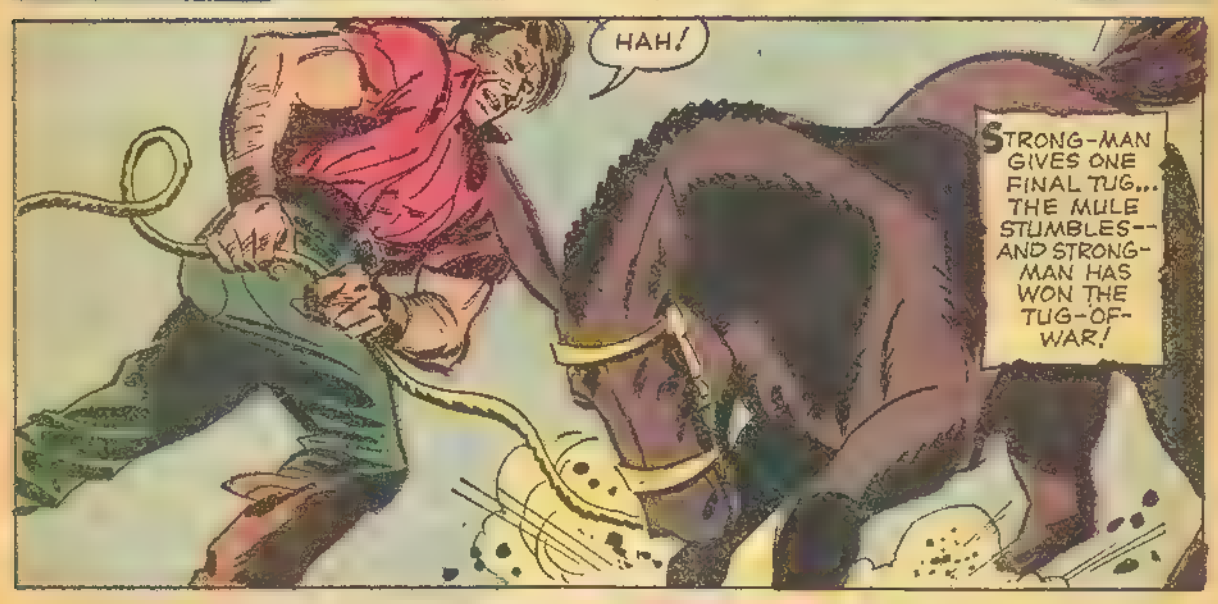
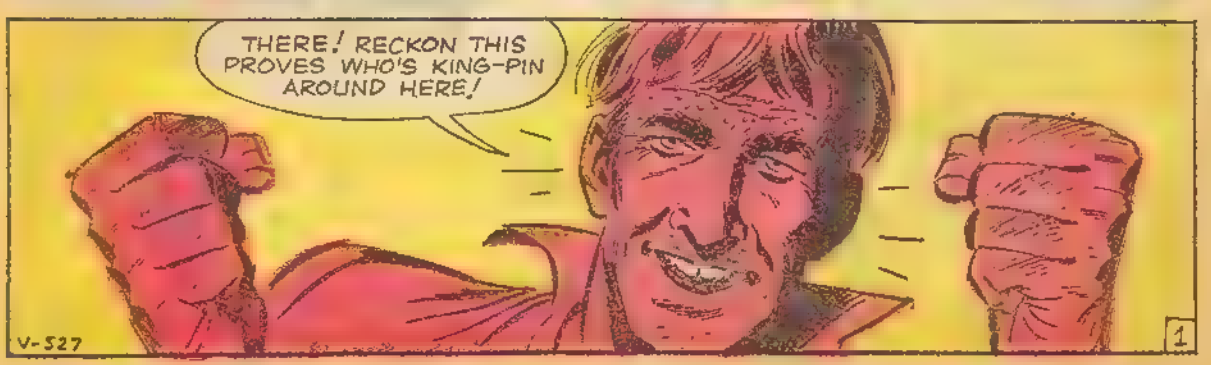

LOOKY! STRONG-MAN IS WINNING!
COME ON, SLADE! SHOW THAT OL' MULE WHO'S THE STRONGEST!
RECKON STRONG-MAN'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY MAN OR BEAST IN THESE PARTS!





RECKON I'LL JUST COLLECT ME THEM BETS NOW, HOMBRES!
BUT WE DIDN'T. MAKE NO BETS...
SHUT UP! IF STRONG-MAN SAYS WE DID, THEN PAY UP! 'LESS YORE TIRED OF LIVIN'!
HERE YA ARE, STRONG-MAN!
HOW ABOUT YOU, STRANGER?
I DIDN'T MAKE ANY BET, MISTER! I JUST HIT TOWN A FEW MINUTES AGO!
I SAY YUH OWE ME TEN DOLLARS! ARE YOU CALLIN' STRONG-MAN SLADE A LIAR?
NO! I AIN'T CALLIN' YUH A LIAR...
LET'S JUST SAY YOU AIN'T ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH THE TRUTH, AND LET IT GO AT THAT!
!!!
WHO IS THAT LOUD-MOUTHED STRANGER? ANSWER ME, HOMBRE!
I-I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, STRONG-MAN! AIN'T NEVER L-LAID EYES ON 'IM BEFORE!
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WELL, GO FIND OUT WHO HE IS! I WANNA MAKE BLAMED SURE THAT I MEET UP WITH THAT JASPER AGAIN!
S-SURE, STRONG-MAN! I'LL FIND OUT RIGHT AWAY!
LATER...
I FOUND OUT WHAT YUH WANTED TO KNOW, STRONG-MAN! THAT STRANGER'S A PROSPECTOR! HE'S IN TOWN TO STAKE OUT A CLAIM TO A GOLD MINE!
A GOLD MINE, EH?
I RECKON I'LL JUST CATCH THAT THERE STRANGER AFORE HE GETS TO THE ASSAYER'S OFFICE! I'LL TALK OVER A LITTLE "BUSINESS DEAL" WITH 'IM!
HOLD ON THERE, HOMBRE!
HUH?
I AIN'T GONNA WASTE A LOTTA WORDS ON YOU, MISTER! GIVE ME THE DEED TO YOUR MINE, OR ELSE YORE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE ACCIDENT HERE!
YOU'LL GET IT OVER MY DEAD BODY! NOW STAND ASIDE!
MISTER, YOU JUST PLAIN SIGNED YORE OWN DEATH NOTICE!
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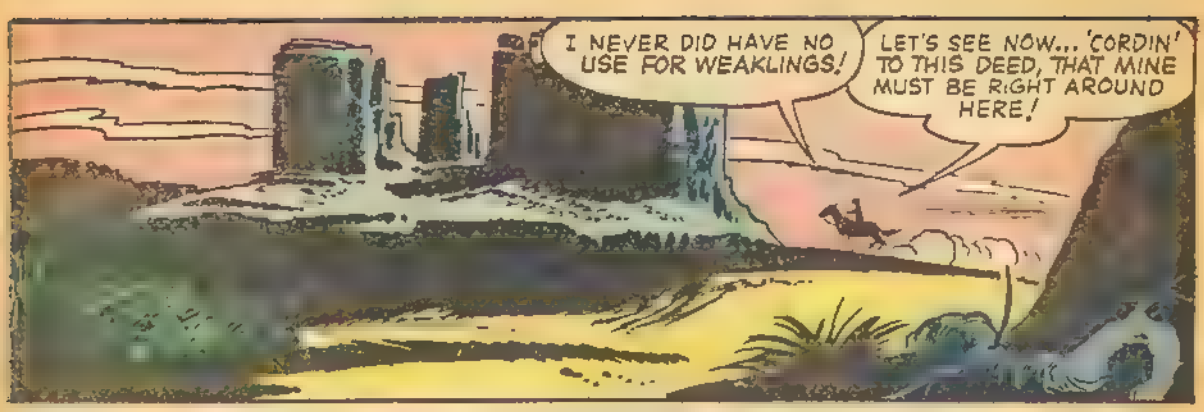
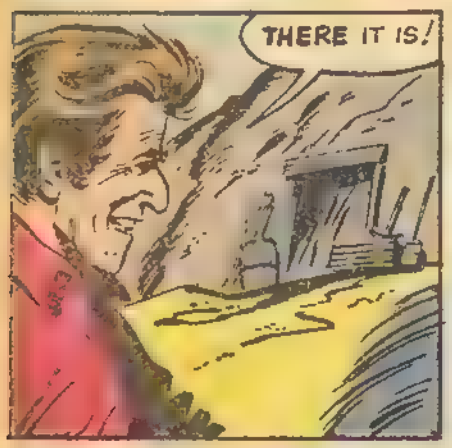
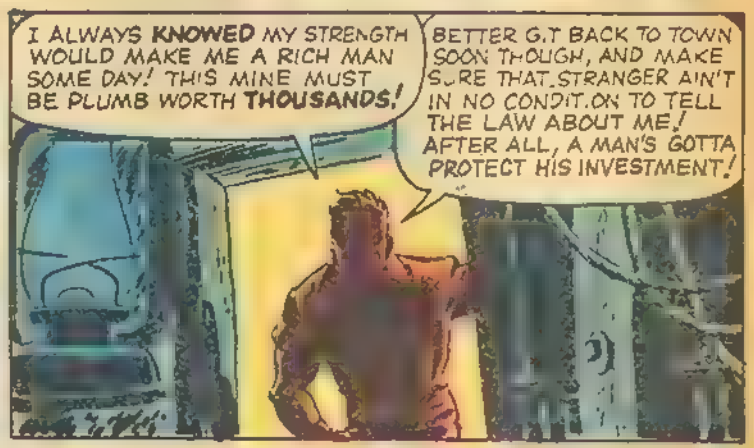
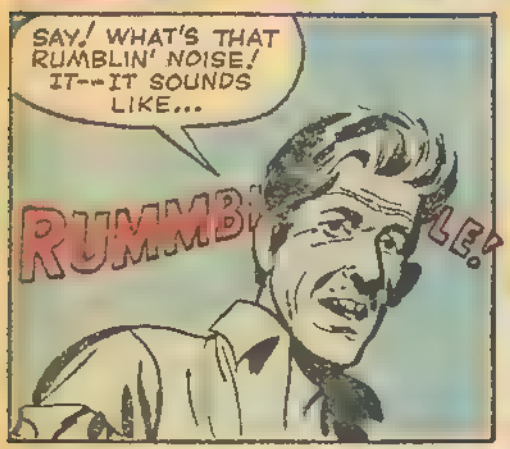
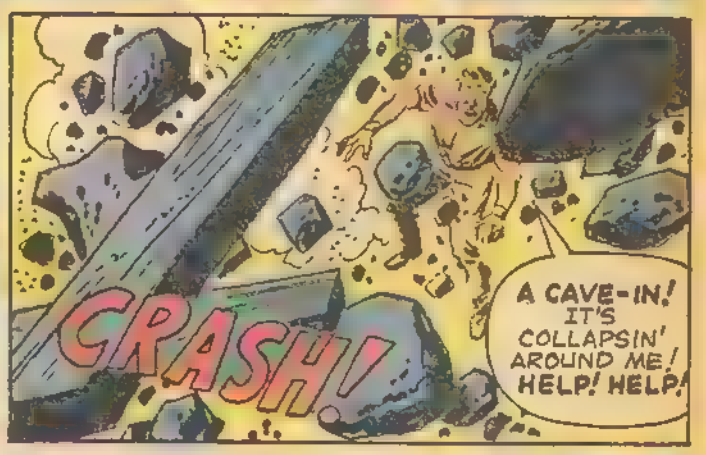
KNOWING HE IS UNABLE TO MATCH SLADE'S BRUTE STRENGTH, THE SMALLER MAN'S HAND DARTS FOR HIS GUN...
...ONLY TO HAVE IT TORN FROM HIS HAND BY FINGERS WITH THE STRENGTH OF STEEL BANDS!
LITTLE FELLAS LIKE YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER'N TO PLAY WITH TOYS LIKE THAT!
OWW!!
I AIN'T FIXIN' TO WASTE ANY MORE TIME ON A NOBODY LIKE YOU, MISTER!
SOCK!
HERE'S THE DEED TO THE MINE! AND IT'S STILL NOT SIGNED! NOW AIN'T THAT RIGHTLY CONVENIENT!
RECKON I'LL RIDE OUT AND HAVE A LOOK-SEE AT MY NEW LITTLE MINE NOW!
NO--STOP! DON'T...
SO YORE STILL ALIVE, EH? WELL, I'LL ATTEND TO THAT LITTLE DETAIL WHEN I GET BACK FROM THE MINE! HAW HAW HAW!
NO--WAIT!

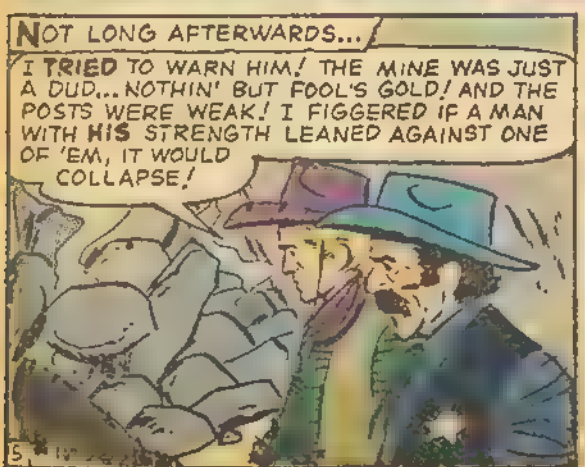


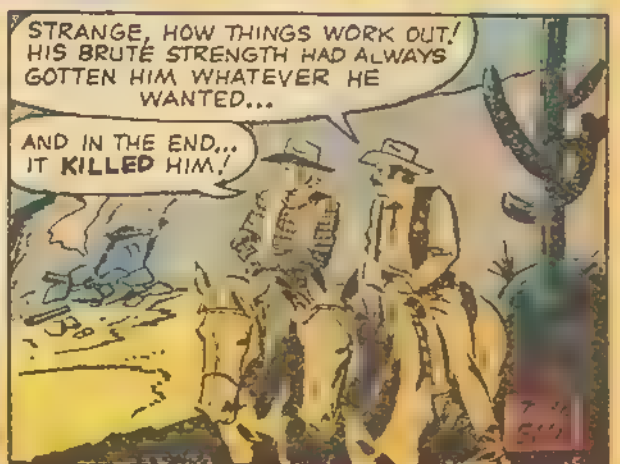



I ALWAYS KNOWED MY STRENGTH WOULD MAKE ME A RICH MAN SOME DAY! THIS MINE MUST BE PLUMB WORTH THOUSANDS!
BETTER G.T BACK TO TOWN SOON THOUGH, AND MAKE SURE THAT STRANGER AIN'T IN NO CONDIT.ON TO TELL THE LAW ABOUT ME! AFTER ALL, A MAN'S GOTTA PROTECT HIS INVESTMENT!






NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...
I TRIED TO WARN HIM! THE MINE WAS JUST A DUD... NOTHIN' BUT FOOL'S GOLD! AND THE POSTS WERE WEAK! I FIGGERED IF A MAN WITH HIS STRENGTH LEANED AGAINST ONE OF 'EM, IT WOULD COLLAPSE!



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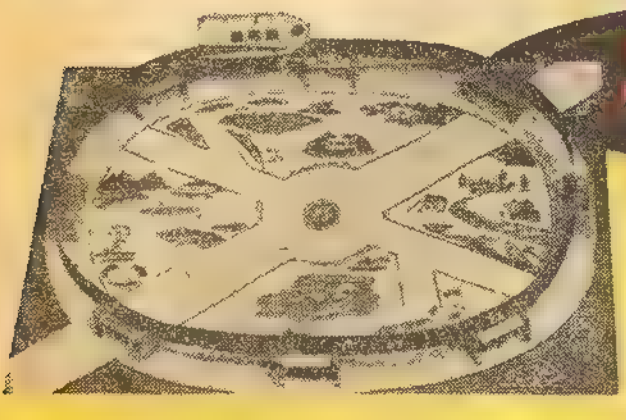

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win?" he exploded. "Oh, I know Jed, he probably thinks he'll get better traction than Henry, with some weight, but . . ."

"Nothin' wrong with that," Ballard said promptly. "You know anything's allowed to win a race . . . loading, taking short cuts, and so on."

Watkins was silent for a moment. Then he said, "Joe, I don't bet, but I'd like to take you down a peg or two in your opinion. Tell you what. I'm convinced a loaded coach can't help but go slower than one not loaded. I'm willing to back up my beliefs. If Henry wins, you donate a hundred dollars to the County Orphan Asylum. If Jed wins . . . which he won't, I'll do the same."

"You're on," Joe Ballard replied promptly.

And the discussion ended, though all four men continued to take checking calculations on the speed maintained by Old 47. Never did it reach a speed of over thirty-two miles an hour. When the coach arrived at Tall Grass, and the four gentlemen emerged, Ken Watkins said to Joe Ballard, smiling, "You know as well as I do, Joe, that Jed was getting as much as he could out of her. And if Old 47 can't do more than thirty-two miles an hour loaded, it looks to me as though Henry Buntline's Number 24 is goin' to do better with only one man on it besides Henry." He paused. "Tell you what; I'm fair. I'll give you a chance to get out of that bet."

Joe looked at Ken and then he looked at Jed Waram who was busy unloading the luggage in front of the Tall Grass hotel. A mysterious look passed between Jed and Joe, and then Joe shook his head. "The bet stands," he said.

In the morning, at nine o'clock, the big event began under glowing, blue skies. All Tall Grass and many visitors were present. The two coaches lined up in front of the Tall Grass Hotel, and Mayor Larry Shaw read out the announcement of the rules. "As usual," he said, "whichever coach arrives back here by or before noon, wins the race. Stick to the main road until you cross Bullfrog Pond.

After that, on the way back, you can try any short cut you want." He raised a handkerchief, held it a long, suspenseful moment . . . then dropped it, and the race was on. Both coaches disappeared down Main Street in a cloud of dust. On the porch of the Tall Grass Hotel sat the four travelers who had come from Larkspur in Old 47 the day before. They had seen the one passenger mount beside Henry Buntline. They had seen four men climb into Jed Waram's Old 47.

They sat there, silently, for a while. There was no way of determining the course of the race. If the coaches broke down by the wayside, repairs would be made by the drivers, and only the open spaces would witness it.

Ten o'clock came. A tide of tension rose in the town. Ken Watkins stepped from the porch three times after that to peer down the street. Still no coach appeared. Eleven o'clock came and went. Then, at fifteen minutes to twelve, a cloud of dust rose to the north and within two minutes more, Old 47 came dashing up to the hotel door.

"Left Henry ten miles behind!" Jed cried, as he leaped off the driver's seat into the midst of the cheering throng. "He won't be here for half an hour!"

"Guess you win," Ken Watkins said to Joe Ballard. "I'll make the donation to the Orphan Asylum. But I'd like to know how you did it."

Joe looked at Jed, and Jed winked and nodded.

"It was Jed's plan to take the short cut at the old Creek road, cut across the fields and thereby save ten miles," Joe said.

"Cut across the fields?" Watkins asked, incredulously. "But how?"

"With the four men he took along," Ballard said. "The weight cut down the speed, but Jed more than made up the loss by carrying his passengers. When they came to the fence, all they did was jack the coach up over it and heave it across. Took about ten minutes, but even with that, Jed won the race!"

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HE MEANS IT!! HE REALLY THINKS HE'S BULLET-PROOF!!
HE IS, SON!! HE IS!
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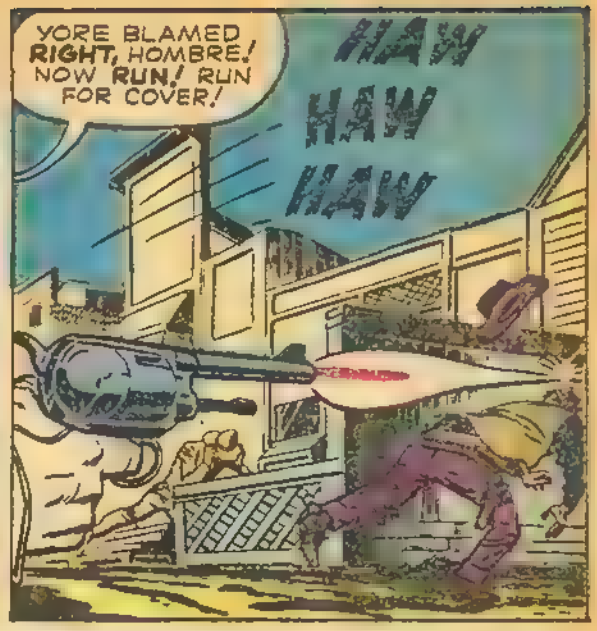
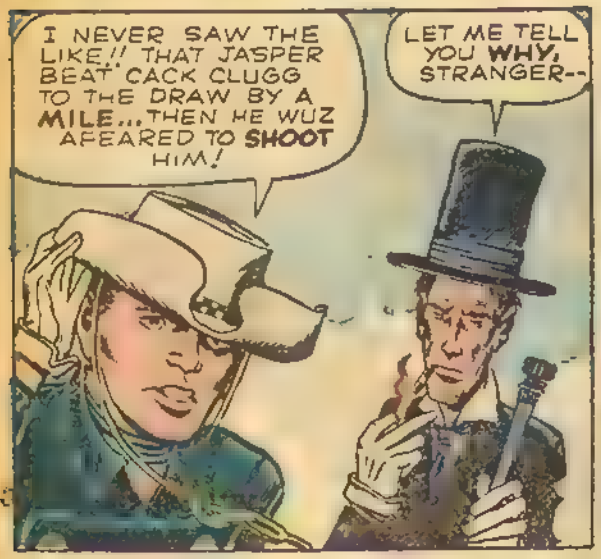
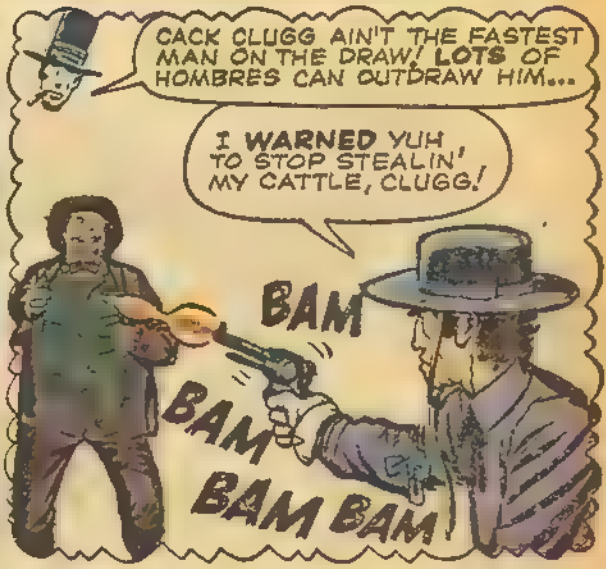
WELL, WHAT ARE YUH WAITIN' FOR? YUH **GOT** YOUR GUN... **SHOOT!!**
NO! NO, CACK! I AIN'T A'GONNA SHOOT AT **YOU!** **NOBODY** CAN WIN A GUN-FIGHT WITH **YOU!**


YORE BLAMED **RIGHT,** HOMBRE! NOW **RUN!** RUN FOR COVER!
HAW HAW HAW


I NEVER SAW THE LIKE!! THAT JASPER BEAT CACK CLUGG TO THE DRAW BY A **MILE**...THEN HE WUZ AFEARED TO **SHOOT** HIM!
LET ME TELL YOU **WHY,** STRANGER--


CACK CLUGG AIN'T THE FASTEST MAN ON THE DRAW! **LOTS** OF HOMBRES CAN OUTDRAW HIM...
I **WARNED** YUH TO STOP STEALIN' MY CATTLE, CLUGG!
BAM
BAM
BAM BAM

"BUT BULLETS JUST DON'T HURT 'IM!! AFTER A MAN EMPTIES HIS GUN AT HIM, CLUGG JUST CALMLY FIRES BACK... AND **HE NEVER MISSES!**"
POW!
POW!

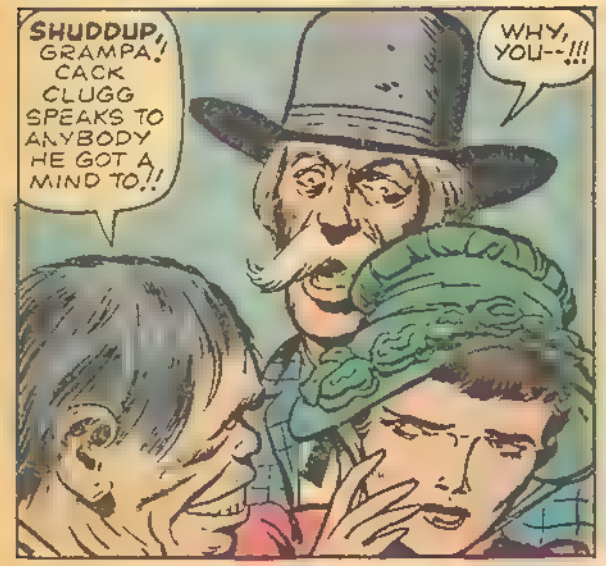
"HE'S BEATEN THE FASTEST GUNS IN THESE PARTS!"
POW

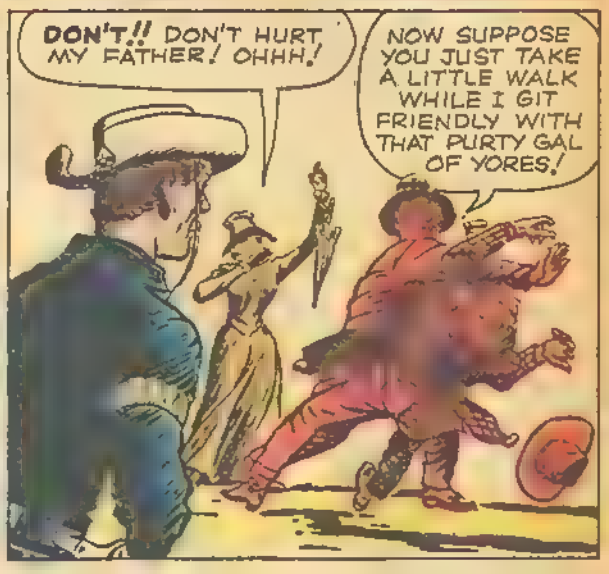
"NO MAN WILL DARE STAND UP TO HIM NOW, BECAUSE--"
POW!
POW!

I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT IT'S **TRUE!!** CACK CLUGG IS PLUMB **BULLET-PROOF!**

BUT IT... IT JUST AIN'T POSSIBLE!
NO? WELL, THERE GOES THE LIVING PROOF, SON!

MY, MY!! DON'T YOU LOOK MIGHTY PURTY TODAY, MISS MARY JONES!!
OUT OF THE WAY, CLUGG! I'VE TOLD YOU I WON'T ALLOW MY DAUGHTER TO SPEAK TO A RASCAL LIKE YOU!


SHUDDUP, GRAMPA! CACK CLUGG SPEAKS TO ANYBODY HE GOT A MIND TO!!
WHY, YOU--!!!


DON'T!! DON'T HURT MY FATHER! OHHH!
NOW SUPPOSE YOU JUST TAKE A LITTLE WALK WHILE I GIT FRIENDLY WITH THAT PURTY GAL OF YORES!

DO THAT AGAIN AND YORE A DEAD MAN, CLUGG!! THIS IS THE RAWHIDE KID A'TALKIN'!!

WELL, WELL! SO THE RAWHIDE KID HISSELF WANTS TO FIGHT THE BULLET-PROOF MAN, EH?
I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR A FIGHT, MISTER! BUT I AIN'T RUNNIN' NEITHER!
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THAT'S NICE, SONNY BOY! THAT'S REAL NICE! 'CAUSE YOU'N ME ARE GONNA HAVE US A REAL NICE LITTLE SHOOT-OUT!
SO YOU JUST WAIT RIGHT THERE WHILE I GO GIT A LITTLE DRINK! AND WHEN I COME BACK, SONNY BOY, Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M A'GONNA KILL YOU DAID!
BETTER BRUSH UP ON YORE PRAYERS, SONNY!! YOU AIN'T GOT MUCH MORE TIME!
HEH HEH
QUICK, KID, GIT OUTTA TOWN!!
BEFORE I RUN, GENTS, S'POSSIN' YUH TELL ME A LITTLE MORE ABOUT CLUGG!
AIN'T MUCH TO TELL! HE COMES FROM THE EAST!
IT'S SUICIDE TO FACE CACK CLUGG!
...WE FIGGERED MEBBE HE WUZ IN A CIRCUS OR SOMETHIN'...
OR MEBBE HE'S A MAGICIAN!
ALL RIGHT, HOMBRES-- EVERYONE GIT OFF THE STREET!!
HOTEL
'CEPTIN' SONNY BOY OVER THERE!
DIDJA PRAY, MISTER?
CLUGG, DRAW AND GIT IT OVER WITH! I'M TIRED OF LOOKIN' AT YOUR UGLY FACE!
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'ZAT SO?? WELL, YOU WON'T LOOK AT IT MUCH LONGER! IN FACT, YOU WON'T LOOK AT NOTHIN' MUCH LONGER!
I WOULDN'T BET ON IT, HOMBRE!
HUH??!
I RECKON THAT'S THE FIRST TIME A LASSO EVER BEAT A GUN TO THE DRAW!!
AND NOW, WE'LL SETTLE IT THIS WAY!
IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THERE'S NO SENSE USIN' A GUN ON A BULLET-PROOF MAN... BUT YOU SURE AIN'T FIST-PROOF, ARE YUH?
I'LL BE DANGED!
THE KID BEAT 'IM WITH HIS BARE FISTS!
AND NOW I GOT SOMETHIN' TO SHOW YOU GENTS!! CACK CLUGG AIN'T NO MORE BULLET-PROOF THAN YOU ARE!!
HUH??
LOOK AT MY SHELLS! THEY'RE BLANKS! CACK CLUGG WAS NOTHIN' BUT A PICK-POCKET!
HE'D GIT NEXT TO A MAN AND CHANGE HIS BULLETS FOR BLANKS WITHOUT ANY-ONE KNOWIN' IT!
AIN'T ANY PICK-POCKETS OUT WEST, BUT WHEN I HEERD HE CAME FROM THE EAST, I SUSPICIONED IT RIGHT AWAY!
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THE BULLET-PROOF MAN!
GIDDIYAP, NIGHTWIND! LET'S RIDE!
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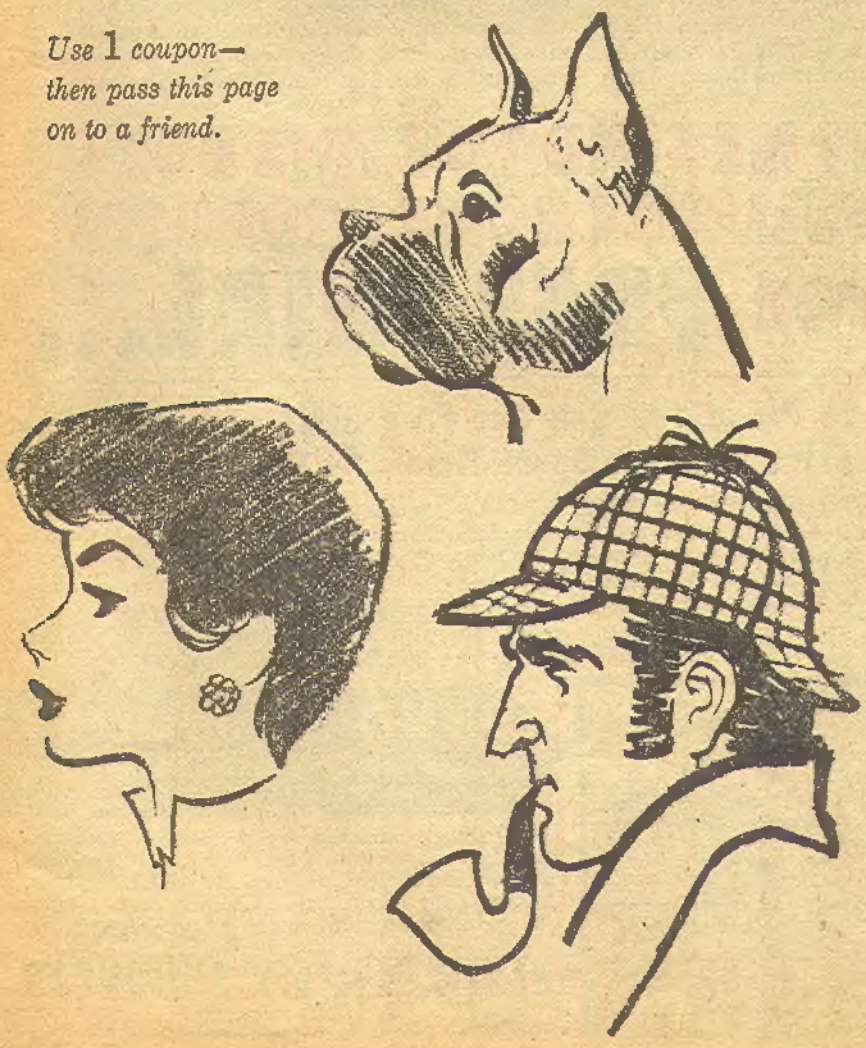

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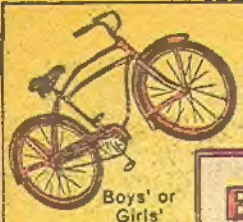

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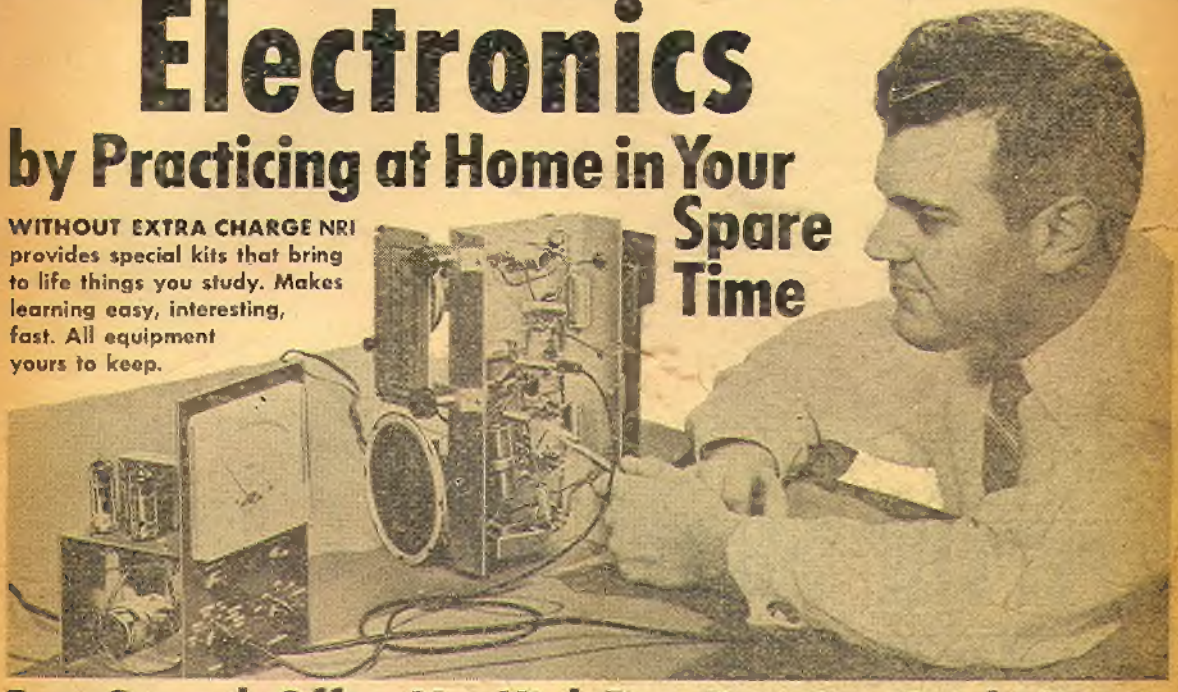

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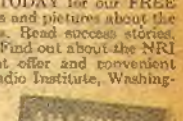

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